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Joint Resolution

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To designate the week beginning May 5, 1985, as "National Correctional Officers Week".

Whereas American correctional officers who work in our jails and prisons are currently responsible for the containment and control of over six hundred thousand prisoners;

Whereas correctional officers must protect inmates from violence while encouraging them to develop skills and attitudes that can help them become productive members of society following their release;

Whereas the morale of correctional officers is affected by many factors, and the public perception of the role of correctional officers is more often based upon dramatization rather than factual review;

Whereas good job performance requires correctional officers to absorb the adverse attitudes present in confinement while maintaining themselves as professionals in order to have their actions appreciated and accepted by the public at large;

Whereas correctional officers had been similarly honored by many States and localities in 1984;

Whereas correctional officers had been similarly honored by a similar joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled in 1984; and

Whereas the attitude and morale of correctional officers is a matter worthy of serious congressional attention: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning May 5, 1985, hereby is designated "National Correctional Officers Week" and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved May 14, 1985.

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